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passed in turn, to be smoked, in order to prevent spreading the small-pox, which was then in Boston.

Mr. SAVAGE presented to the Society two "crow's feet," made of iron, and so arranged that one prong will always project upwards, — an instrument of defence formerly in use against the charge of cavalry. They were found on the banks of the Susquehannah River, where they had been scattered for the protection of a small fort against the Indians.

JANUARY MEETING. — 1858.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, 1858, at noon, in the Dowse Library; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Society of Antiquaries, London; the Commissioner of Patents; James Lenox, Esq.; J. Francis Fisher, Esq.; Winthrop Sargent, Esq.; James M. Safford, Esq.; E. R. Straznicky, Esq.; Miss Ann L. Gay; L. A. Huguet-Latour, Esq.; and from Messrs. Appleton, Warren, and Winthrop, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Professor H. W. LONGFELLOW, communicating his acceptance as a Resident Member.

He also communicated a letter from Winthrop Sargent, Esq., accompanying a volume entitled "The Loyalist Poetry of the Revolution," presented to the So-

ciety by himself and J. Francis Fisher, Esq.; and also a copy of a manuscript, entitled "Report of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, about settling the Province of Nova Scotia. London, June 7th, 1727." The original manuscript of the Report was purchased by Mr. Sargent from Waller and Son, in London, a few years since. Its condition is good. It is neatly written on fifteen folio pages, with the autograph signatures, and seal of the Board. The present copy is a faithful transcript of its spelling, arrangement, &c. Its indorsement is as follows: "7th June, 1727. Report of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, about settling the Province of Nova Scotia. R. 13 June 1727. 8 April 1728."

"Read to the Committee."

On motion, the "Report" was referred to the Standing Committee.

The Librarian read a letter from Thomas B. Atkins, Esq., accompanying a donation to the Society of a collection of the Journals of the Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia, — those of the Legislative Council from 1839 to 1857, and of the House of Assembly from 1842 to the present time, — also a copy of the Index to the ancient Journals. Mr. Atkins stated that he had been appointed commissioner for examining and arranging the Public Records of the Province, with a view to publication; and that he was desirous of obtaining a set of this Society's Collections, amongst other works useful in the prosecution of his duties.

The box containing the donation above referred to not having been yet taken from the Custom House, the

subject of Mr. Atkins's communication was laid over to the next stated meeting.

FREDERIC TUDOR, Esq., and Rev. FREDERICK H. HEDGE, D.D., were elected Resident Members.

Dr. FRANCIS LIEBER was elected a Corresponding Member.

The President communicated two pamphlets, presented to the Society by Charles T. Beke, Ph. D. F.S.A., — one a letter to M. Daussy, President of the Central Committee of the Geographical Society of France; the other, an "Inquiry into M. Antoine d'Abbadie's Journey to Kaffa to discover the Source of the Nile."

Mr. LIVERMORE presented to the Society, on behalf of Mr. J. Stimson, a photograph executed by him of the homestead of Thomas Dowse.

Voted, That Mr. Livermore be requested to communicate to the donor the thanks of the Society for his acceptable gift.

Mr. SAVAGE presented as a gift to the Society, from Samuel Whitwell, Esq., a manuscript volume, containing the accounts kept by his father, Samuel Whitwell, of his receipts and disbursements as Overseer of the Poor in Boston from 1769 to 1791.

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM, jun., read a letter from Joseph Hawley, dated Feb. 22, 1775, on the policy of forcible resistance by Massachusetts to the Regulations Act, &c. See Collections, vol. iv., Fourth Series, p. 393.